GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1381
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PRINTING AND STATIONERY AS A SUBJECT OF MINISTRY
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that printing and stationery is a subject of his Ministry;

(b) if so, the reasons for the Department of Personnel and Training to have issued an Office Memorandum on 14.7.1981 inregard to the above; and

(c) the reaction of his Ministry thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir. As per Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 as amended upto 06.09.2001, stationery and printing for the Government of India including official publications is a subject matter allocated to this Minsitry.

(b)&(c): Supply of goods and services to the public at the most economic and competitive price is one of the objectives of the cooperative movement. The then Department of Cooperation,in 1968 issued guidelines to the effect that Government offices should patronize consumer Cooperative stores while making purchase of their requirement. Subsequently in 1972 Department of Cooperation issued another circular stating that the consumer cooperatives specially departmental stores which have received substantial financial assistance from the Government and are subject to statutory provisions and control by the Registrar of Cooperative stores and State Governments are the mostsuitable agencies for supply of consumer goods at fair and reasonable prices. It was in this context that the department of Personnel and Training had issued the OM dated 14th July 1981.This was done in consultation with Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure), the then Ministry of Works and Housing and Department of Supply.